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Claims

1. A motorized watercraft with a hull of the craft, on which the user lies prone or stands, with a flow channel extending in the hull of the craft with a motor-driven water screw, wherein the electric motor and the batteries, as well as the control device for the electric motor are housed in the hull of the craft,

characterized in that

the water screw (2), the electric motor (1, 3) and the control device (4) are designed as an underwater drive unit and are placed in the flow channel (8), and

the batteries (5, 6) for the electric motor (3, 4) are placed into a separate housing (9), which is installed in the hull (10) of the craft so that it can be exchanged.

2. The motorized watercraft in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that

the hull (10) of the craft has a surface for prone use or a platform for the user above the flow channel (8).

3. The motorized watercraft in accordance with claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the flow channel (8) is formed in one piece with the hull (10) of the craft.

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4. The motorized watercraft in accordance with one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that

the flow channel (8) starts with an inflow opening (11) in the area of the bow of the hull (10) of the craft and terminates in an outflow opening (12) in the area of the stern of the hull (10) of the craft, and

the underwater drive unit is installed in the flow channel (8) as a suction device.

5. The motorized watercraft in accordance with one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that

the housing (9) with the batteries (5, 6) is inserted into a recess (13) formed in the underside of the hull (10) of the craft, which is arranged outside of the flow channel (10) and the inflow opening (11) in the area of the bow of the hull (10) of the craft.

6. The motorized watercraft in accordance with one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that

a remote control device is assigned to the underwater drive unit, which is releasably attached to the hull (10) of the craft and can be brought into operative contact with the control device (4) of the underwater unit over a wireless transmission path.

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7. The motorized watercraft in accordance with one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that

the hull (10) of the craft has a plate, flap or the like, which can be opened, in the flow channel below the underwater drive unit, through which access to the underwater unit is provided.